How Recycling Helps Our Environment?

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Recycling is important to keep our environment clean. Our environment is our surroundings, the air we breathe, and the water we drink, and we take these things for granted. Do you know that everything we use and throw away is affecting the environment?

Not only throwing away paper and bottles is bad, but also using a lot of water, electricity, and paper is bad for our environment. The more paper we use, the more trees are cut down and more electricity is used to process it. Any of the things we do release gases and dirt into the atmosphere creating pollution. Pollution is bad for our health and kills our plants and animals.

There are lots of ways we can improve our environment. We think it is a huge job for one person and expect the environment organizations to manage it. We cannot do everything, but we can all do one little thing and make a difference. We only think that putting the papers, boxes, cans and bottles in the recycling bin has taken care of the problem. This is important, but there are many other things we can do so our world doesn't get filled up with junk.

We need to reuse things. We can recycle toys and clothes to others or use them for crafts. My cousin gives me her clothes, toys, and books and I give mine to my little cousin. My family also gives away things to other people. I reuse papers that are blank on the other side. I feel proud because I save trees.

We can save water by not letting it run when brushing our teeth & by taking shorter showers. It's hard, but we can try. We can conserve energy by switching off the lights, computers, and TV when we're done with it. We can also conserve energy by telling our elders to buy products that don't use as much energy.

We must make our friends and families aware of the importance of recycling and remind them to practice these things. I know, let us become the recycle police! Let's all work together to help protect our environment. Wow, we can make a difference!